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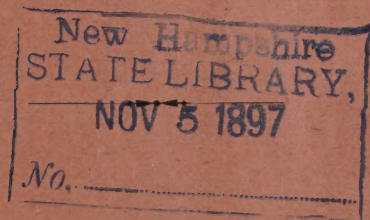








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# REPORT.

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## VALUATION OF THE TOWN, SPRING, 1891.

Polls, 329,	\$ 32,900
Buildings and land, 28,419,	387,953
Horses, 349,	19,455
Oxen, 187,	7,575
Cows, 727,	14,412
Other neat stock, 434,	7,394
Sheep, 751,	2,029
Carriages, 8,	495
Stock in trade,	9,610
Money on hand,	2,200
Mills and machinery,	950
Stock in banks,	2,000
Hogs, 10,	42
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	\$487,015

## APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	\$1,345 00
County tax,	1,667 50
Schools,	1,441 50
Town expenses,	2,500 00
Highway (money),	3,500 00
Memorial,	25 00
Schoolhouse tax,	1,000 00
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	\$11,479 00



# ACCOUNT OF SELECTMEN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

## PAID SCHOOL BILLS, ETC.

Frank G. Foss, treasurer of school board,	\$1,732 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., school books,	5 50
Wm. Ware & Co., " "	2 82
" " " "	1 94
" " " "	25 44
Boston School Supply Co., " "	13 78
" " " "	4 05
Porter & Coates, " "	18 75
" " " "	12 30
Charles Lubrecht, " "	13 00
American Book Co., " "	3 46
" " " "	5 19
Ginn & Co., " "	4 21
E. H. Butler & Co., 1890 " "	82 36
H. L. Ambler, express on books, etc.,	90
Hanscam & McDuffee, chair,	1 50
J. Caverno, schoolhouse lot, Dist. 19,	40 00
J. O. Caswell, building schoolhouse and woodhouse in Dist. No. 19,	877 00
J. O. Caswell, cash paid for seats and desks for Dist. No. 4,	42 00
H. W. Evans, building woodhouse in Dist. No. 13,	56 33
Leopold Salinger, window shades,	2 00
Chas. W. Waldron, labor and lumber,	28 95
C. W. Whiteher, express on books,	1 85
Frank G. Foss, " "	2 85

Paul Perkins, building committee,	3 00
“ repairs and cash paid out on school-	
house in Dist. No. 4,	117 03
Warren H. Perkins, labor and cash paid out on	
schoolhouse in Dist. No. 4,	43 00
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	\$3,141 21

## PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY, SPRING OF 1891.

Wm. J. Foss,	District 19,	\$33 16
John S. Leighton,	“ 21,	8 17
Stephen M. Leighton,	“ 33,	31 12
E. S. Boody,	“ 36,	32 16
John P. Webber,	“ 25-6-7,	49 08
Frank E. Scruton,	“ 4,	46 79
James D. Hall,	“ 11,	30 04
Daniel J. Holmes,	“ 8,	43 02
Chas. W. Jenness, bridge plank,		8 74
E. S. Boody,	“ 36,	3 25
Robert B. Peavey,	“ 39,	30 45
Chas. E. Evans,	“ 40,	17 76
G. T. Foss,	“ 5,	16 33
Chas. N. Garland,	“ 12,	14 20
Benj. M. Foss,	“ 1,	46 59
J. C. Ricker,	“ 39,	1 20
E. L. Foss,	“ 16,	43 25
John A. Seward,	“ 38,	15 66
D. D. Caverly,	“ 31,	62 58
Chas. F. Felker,	“ 4,	50 39
E. R. Smith,	“ 15,	40 72
Daniel Clay,	“ 35,	62 40
Jacob W. Foss,	“ 13,	15 15
Moses H. Piper,	“ 28,	9 12
Frank H. Hall, pauper road,		4 86
Joseph L. Hall,	“ 30,	30 38

Frank H. Hall,	District 29,	23 36
Paul Perkins,	" 20,	37 02
James H. Foss, winter and spring,	" 17,	65 08
Horace W. Evans,	" 23,	24 66
Herbert J. Holmes,	" 18,	22 19
Richard W. Foss,	" 41,	24 24
James Foss,	" 34,	63 52
J. E. Whitcheer,	" 25,	28 62
"	" 26,	6 24
Plummer Johnson,	" 14,	17 38
Cyrus G. Scott,	" 6,	18 37
George U. Ricker,	" 7,	19 08
Chas. A. Varney,	" 22,	28 80
E. K. Clark,	" 9,	21 52
" Blue Hill pauper road,		14 21
John F. Hall,	" 10,	13 65
James H. Berry,	" 10,	10 08
Benj. P. Berry,	" 3,	28 44
"	" 3,	3 90
Hiram S. Thompson,	" 32,	17 92
Joseph Hill,	" 37,	15 34
L. D. Foss,	" 2,	23 45
W. A. Small,	" 24,	14 11
E. R. Smith,	" 15,	44 84
John S. Leighton,	" 21,	25 20
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		\$1,357 79

#### PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Cotton Foss,	District No. 19,	\$ 48 58
J. F. Wentworth,	" 13,	2 70
Herbert E. Tasker	" 23,	22 64
Stephen M. Leighton,	" 33,	33 38
George A. Caverly,	" 31,	32 60



Charles F. Foss,	District No. 1,	32 15
Charles F. Felker,	" 4,	1 00
W. S. Lougee,	" 18,	32 84
W. S. Lougee,	" 18,	18 65
James H. Foss,	" 17,	40 37
James Foss,	" 34,	51 32
Richard F. Babb,	" 11,	42 20
Benjamin P. Berry,	" 3,	41 83
Gilbert Shaw,	" 41,	53 95
Daniel S. Otis,	" 9,	71 65
Fred O. Caswell,	" 29,	45 54
Jesse W. Clow,	" 7,	16 47
Plummer Johnson,	" 14,	20 73
Charles F. Garland,	" 38,	19 59
Cyrus G. Scott,	" 6,	33 25
Richard F. Babb,	" 11,	21 66
Benjamin E. Ellis,	" 10,	7 23
Joseph E. Whitcher,	" 25,	20 15
Hiram S. Thompson,	" 32,	14 02
Lorenzo D. Foss,	" 2,	25 03
Daniel J. Holmes,	" 8,	44 16
J. J. Perry,	" 30,	69 28
Gorham T. Foss,	" 5,	25 50
Charles H. Perry,	" 21,	19 21
Royal K. Clark,	" 36,	57 55
John P. Webber,	" 27,	10 92
Smith W. Caswell,	" 25 and 26,	3 60
James M. Caswell,	" 39,	20 00
Jesse B. Gray,	" 28,	14 40
Lorenzo D. Foss,	" 2,	12 84
Paul Perkins,	" 20,	17 88
Christopher Shaw,	" 35,	49 55
Joseph Hill,	" 37,	19 65
James Foss,	" 34,	3 90
Fred Caswell,	" 29,	13 67
George A. Caverly,	" 31,	19 28

Charles A. Varney,	District No. 22,	23 64
Warren A. Small,	" 24,	6 86
Charles H. Caswell, running road machine,		46 55
William J. Foss, driving town team,		43 50
Azariah Foss,	District No. 15,	141 40
Cotton Foss,	" 19,	1 50
James Foss,	" 34,	26 95
Smith W. Caswell, pauper road,		5 16
Herbert J. Holmes, District No. 18,		2 00
Daniel S. Otis, Blue Hill pauper road,		35 65
Newell B. Foss,	District No. 22,	2 50
John S. Leighton,	" 21,	23 28
Charles N. Garland,	" 12,	33 04
Daniel S. Otis, Blue Hill pauper road,		9 78
Daniel S. Otis,	District No. 9,	15 30
J. J. Perry,	" 30,	30 13
Daniel J. Holmes,	" 8,	12 42
Benjamin E. Ellis,	" 10,	6 60
George A. Caverly,	" 31,	31 18
C. M. Hill,	" 16,	95 64
Charles A. Varney,	" 22,	14 40
Joseph E. Whitcher, bridge plank,		12 20
Cotton Foss,	District No. 19,	19 80
Stephen M. Leighton,	" 33,	25 74
James M. Caswell,	" 39,	23 32
Fred O. Caswell,	" 26 and 29	17 16
Gilbert Shaw,	" 41,	30 84
James H. Foss,	" 17,	30 44
Paul Perkins,	" 20,	19 92
C. Shaw,	" 35,	20 25
William J. Foss,	" 21,	2 40

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## BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Smith Hawkins, support of J. E. Hawkins,	\$52 00
Betsey M. Winkley, support of H. M. Otis,	10 50
John C. Ricker, digging grave of James Dean,	2 00
“ “ Rhoda Brown,	2 00
“ “ M. E. Campbell,	2 00
C. W. Waldron, goods delivered Ivory Johnson,	62 82
Chas. H. Perry, goods delivered Hannah Willey,	19 31
John B. Stevens, medical attendance to Elisha Foss,	8 00
R. B. Foss, cutting, hauling and fitting wood for H. Willey,	16 00
Wm. Waterhouse, medical attendance to I. Johnson,	13 70
Joshua Otis, goods delivered T. Varney,	52 27
Mary E. Montgomery, care of James Dean,	20 00
James Farrington, medical attendance to Tamson Varney,	4 85
Chas. H. Perry, goods delivered Samuel Hall,	93 63
J. W. Pray, medical attendance to Lauretta Tuttle,	47 50
“ “ Hanson H. Tuttle,	13 60
C. M. Hill, goods delivered Elisha Foss,	37 21
“ “ Ivory Johnson,	35 20
Gilbert Shaw, “ Smith Hawkins,	14 00
John W. Jewell & Son, goods delivered Ivory Johnson,	15 64
G. H. Hawley, medical attendance Oliver Wallace,	48 00
“ “ O. Wallace family,	36 00
G. H. Hawley, medical attendance S. Hall family,	45 50
John F. Hall, goods delivered Elisha Foss,	3 25
Hiram S. Hill, coffin and box for James Dean,	14 00
Alice M. Fernald, support of Samuel Fernald,	78 00
Mary J. Foss, support of Mertie Roberts,	52 00
Gilbert Shaw, goods delivered to Smith Hawkins,	11 00
N. C. Twombly medical attendance to H. M. Otis,	13 00



N. C. Twombly, medical attendance	S. Hawkins,	44 00
N. C. Twombly, " " "	James Dean,	10 00
Ivory Johnson, support of	Mary J. Young,	45 00
Betsey M. Winkley, support of	H. M. Otis,	13 25
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to	A. L. Tuttle,	6 00
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		\$941 23

### AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

C. W. Waldron, goods delivered	J. P. Brown,	\$ 26 93
C. W. Waldron, goods delivered	D. W. Tuttle,	24 72
C. W. Waldron, goods delivered	Ephraim Gray,	16 04
Betsey M. Winkley, services to	Mary A. Campbell,	3 00
Margret E. Teele, to care of	Dennis Scolley,	2 50
John W. Strachn " " "		18 00
John W. Strachn " " "		3 50
James H. Foss, wood delivered	M. A. Campbell,	3 00
H. C. Coburn, medical attendance to	Dennis Scolley,	21 50
" " " Mary A. Camp-		
bell,		5 50
H. C. Coburn, medical attendance to	John W. Brown,	15 75
J. & D. Huckins, goods delivered to	Dennis Scolley,	41 89
Hiram A. Berry, support of	Alonzo Curtis,	47 20
" " "		72 40
C. M. Hill, goods delivered to	Dennis Scolley,	6 10
" " " John W. Brown,		91 97
" " " Jared P. Brown,		92 18
Gilbert Shaw, " John W. Brown,		10 92
" " Fannie Stiles,		11 77
" " "		41 05
" " Mary A. Campbell,		6 70
John W. Jewell & Son, " Jared P. Brown,		28 68
" " D. W. Tuttle,		20 06
" " Ephraim Gray,		50
" " Fannie Stiles,		3 71

Hiram S. Hill, coffin and box for Mary A. Campbell,	14 00
Mary J. Foss, support of Ira Foss,	20 00
Gilbert Shaw, goods delivered A. Teele for support of D. Scolley,	62 32
N. C. Twombly, med. attend. to D. W. Tuttle,	5 75
“ “ E. Gray,	11 00
“ “ J. Evans,	9 00
“ “ Mary A. Campbell,	31 00
“ “ Ira Foss,	47 00
“ “ Dennis Scolley,	82 00
“ “ John W. Brown,	14 50
“ “ Jared P. Brown,	23 50
“ “ Fannie Stiles,	28 25
Ivory Johnson, support of Ephraim Gray,	109 20
Feineman Brothers, clothes furnished A. Curtis,	8 25
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	\$1,081 34

## PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

John S. Foss, record book, etc.,	\$ 4 52
Scott W. Caswell, shoeing oxen,	4 50
Mrs. John S. Gray, cleaning town house,	1 50
W. J. Rowe, sawing wood for town house,	50
Frank H. Berry, printing check lists,	8 94
I. W. Lougee, printing town reports,	34 80
John O. Boody, printing blank orders and receipts,	4 00
E. O. Caswell, oxen,	125 00
H. W. Evans, oxen,	150 00
L. C. Critchett, for memorial service,	25 00
E. B. Lane, stationery,	8 25
W. H. Perkins, keeping tramps,	4 00
Smith W. Caswell, “	1 00
John M. Dow, “	2 00

N. C. Twombly, return of births and deaths,	1 75
C. H. Perry, meal for town team,	3 20
John F. Hall,                   “	3 70
Ralph H. Hall,               “	1 75
John M. Whitehouse, keeping tramp,	1 00
A. I. Hall, shoe for road machine,	8 50
H. J. Holmes, burial permits,	1 45
D. D. Caswell, boarding town team,	4 00
Gilbert Shaw, wood for town house,	2 75
Daniel S. Otis, boarding town team,	96
Joel F. Berry,               “	2 75
John W. Jewell & Son, exp.,	15
Chas. S. Hanson, repairing road machine,	9 25
Paul Perkins,                   “	1 50
J. C. Hall, watering tub for 1890-1,	6 00
George A. Caverly, boarding town team,	1 92
Chas. W. Waldron, meal for town team,	3 80
C. W. Hanson, return of births and deaths,	5 25
Samuel F. Welch, watering tub,	3 00
Mary Hawkins,               “	2 00
Wm. Waterhouse, births and deaths,	1 25
Natt J. Hanson, boarding town team,	72
J. & D. Huckins, meal for town team,	5 25
Gilbert Shaw, keeping tramp, etc.,	2 00
“               meal and boarding town team,	3 10
N. T. Kimball, freight,	1 35
H. C. Coburn, return of births,	1 25
A. V. Canney, watering tub,	3 00
J. W. Pray, return of births and deaths,	2 75
“               viewing the body of A. J. Brown,	1 75
W. H. Perkins, boarding town team, 1890,	2 62
Herbert J. Holmes, burial permits,	1 25
H. S. Hill,                   “	3 75
Jeremiah Caverno, boarding town team,	90

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\$469 63



## PAID DAMAGES TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Cotton H. Foss,	20 00
Chas. H. Caswell,	3 50
Blaner Hawkes,	3 50
Natt. J. Hanson,	6 00
W. H. Perkins,	9 00
Horace W. Evans,	4 00
Aaron W. Foss,	38 50
James H. Foss,	5 00
Horace A. & Herbert E. Tasker,	6 00
George W. Foss,	40 00
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	\$135 50

## PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Chas. H. Perry, supervisor,	\$ 12 00
Benj. M. Foss, "	10 00
Chas. E. Evans, "	10 00
H. L. Ambler, member of school board,	12 00
Chas. W. Whitchee, "	35 00
Frank G. Foss, "	33 00
Elmer Clark, killing dogs	12 50
James H. Foss, auditing town accounts, etc.,	2 50
Hiram S. Hill "	1 50
Geo. F. Johnson, district clerk, 1891,	2 00
John S. Foss, " 1890,	2 00
" " return of births and deaths,	8 94
" " services as town clerk,	30 00
Lyman W. Foss, services in part as collector, 1890,	100 00
J. F. Hall, services as selectman, 1891	50 00
Smith W. Caswell, " "	50 00
Warren H. Perkins, " "	50 00
James H. Foss, town treasurer,	50 00
Warren H. Perkins, ext. services,	72 25
John F. Hall, " "	50 00
Smith W. Caswell, " "	50 00

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## PAID LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

John C. Moody, damage to person,	\$175 00
E. J. Smart, services in Henry A. Drew case,	3 00
H. R. Parker, expert in Kelley case,	100 00
M. C. Lathrop, " "	75 00
Leon R. Perry, damage to sleigh,	4 50
E. T. Hubbard, expert in J. C. Moody case,	8 00
J. G. Hall, services in Kelley case,	200 00
John Kivel " "	200 00
W. H. Perkins, services and cash paid out in Kelley case,	100 82
Smith W. Caswell " " " " " "	149 80
John F. Hall, " " " " " "	32 00

## PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1,345 00
Ichabod P. Berry, county tax,	1,667 36
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	\$3,012 36

## PAID NOTES, INTEREST AND BONDS.

Emma P. Jenness, endorsed on note,	\$400 00
" " " " " "	100 00
Aaron W. Foss, interest of Austin fund,	160 00
David M. Perkins, interest on note,	40 00
Martha Perkins, " " " " " "	24 00
Joseph P. Weeks, interest on bonds,	16 00
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	\$740 00

## PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to H. S. Thompson,	\$6 00
James H. Foss, cash paid for medical attendance to A. Evans,	10 00
Geo. W. Rowe, wood delivered to John W. Strachn,	1 50
M. E. Babb, coffin for Sarah Avery,	17 00
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	\$34 50

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED C. SHAW ON HIS LIST OF  
MONEY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1889.

James Kimball cattle by J. L. Babb,	\$3 83
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	\$3 83

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED LYMAN W. FOSS ON HIS  
LIST OF MONEY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Henry L. Berry, non-resident,	\$ 2 10
Geo. A. Hayes, “	2 10
Henry H. Nutter, “	2 10
Melvina Babb,	27 15

Fred C. Brown, non-resident,	2 10
Abram Evans,           “	2 10
Andrew H. Brown, dead,	2 63
A. M. Lee, blind,	4 20
Lewis D. Bunker, sick,	3 15
Arthur Fowler, over tax,	2 36
D. W. Tuttle, poor,	2 10
Sanborn Parshley, highway tax,	6 86
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	\$58 95

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED LYMAN W. FOSS ON HIS  
LIST OF DOG TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1890.

James M. Berry,	\$1 00
John P. Drew,	1 00
John H. Perry, error,	1 00
Benj. E. Ellis,	1 00
Andrew H. Brown,	4 00
Chas. F. Garland,	1 00
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	\$9 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED LYMAN W. FOSS ON HIS  
LIST OF MONEY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1891.

L. E. Hall, minister,	\$2 43
F. E. Briggs,       “	2 43
Cyrus Wingate, over-tax,	1 21
E. K. Clark, horse lost,	90
D. S. Otis, cow lost,	30
Roscoe Foss, taxed in Rochester,	2 43
H. C. Twombly, error,	15 02
Town of Strafford, M. K. Foss land,	6 08



Robt. P. Morrison, over-tax,	2 43
John C. Huckins' heirs, over-tax,	4 62
Albert A. Hanson, error,	2 83
E. S. Babb, dead,	2 43
Hiram Perkins, over-tax,	3 64
Samuel Hall, poor,	99
Sarah E. Hall, poor,	6 23
M. C. Willey heirs,	9 72
L. Winkley, dead,	1 84
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	\$65 53

### ABATEMENTS ALLOWED LYMAN W. FOSS

ON HIS LIST OF DOG TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Daniel H. Scruton,	\$2 00
Cyrus K. Foss,	1 00
Charles W. Young,	2 00
Samuel F. Welch,	1 00
John L. Babb,	2 00
Harrison S. Babb,	1 00
Henry A. Berry,	1 00
H. F. Gray heirs,	1 00
Charles S. Tuttle,	3 00
Henry A. Drew,	1 00
Alvah W. Canney,	1 00
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	\$16 00

### RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID AWAY FOR THE YEAR 1891.

Amount paid School Bills, Etc.,	\$3141 24
“ “ Highways, spring, 1891,	1357 79
“ “ Highways and bridges,	1960 47
“ “ County paupers,	941 23
“ “ Aid to soldiers,	1081 34
“ “ Miscellaneous bills,	469 63
“ “ Damage to sheep,	135 50

Amount paid Services,	643 69
“ “ Law suits and damages,	1048 12
“ “ State and County taxes,	3012 36
“ “ Notes, interest and bonds,	740 00
“ “ Town paupers,	34 50
“ “ Abatements, 1889, 1890, 1891,	153 31
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	\$14,719 15

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY JAMES  
H. FOSS, TREASURER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

Received of Daniel Huckins, Treasurer for 1890,	\$3713 37
“ “ Lyman W. Foss, collector, 1890,	1650 00
“ “ Lyman W. Foss, collector, 1891,	8107 85
“ “ Solon A. Carter, Savings Bank tax,	1773 29
“ “ Solon A. Carter, Literary fund,	341 25
“ “ Solon A. Carter, contagious diseased cattle,	84 10
“ “ I. P. Berry, county paupers,	941 23
“ “ I. P. Berry, aid to dependent soldiers,	1074 90
“ “ Selectmen for oxen sold,	262 00
“ “ Selectmen for school-house sold,	86 00
“ “ Selectmen for grass,	8 00
“ “ C. Shaw, on his list for 1889,	165 40
“ “ C. Shaw, abatements,	3 83
“ “ John S. Foss, license on dogs,	281 20
“ “ Lyman W. Foss, abatements allowed on money tax, 1890,	58 95
“ “ Lyman W. Foss, abatements allowed on dog tax, 1890,	9 00
“ “ L. W. Foss, abatements allowed money tax, 1891,	65 53
“ “ L. W. Foss, abatements allowed dog tax, 1891,	16 00
“ “ G. Shaw, for use of town house,	1 00
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	\$18,642 90

STRAFFORD, N. H., Feb. 29, 1892.

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

CHARLES D. SCRUTON, }  
DANIEL HUCKINS, } Auditors.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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## OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN,

MARCH 1, 1892.

Emma P. Jenness,	note and interest,	\$ 447 50
Lizzie S. Caswell,	"	216 92
Abigail Swain,	"	355 52
Mary W. Evans,	"	67 37
Chas. W. Whitcher,	"	515 36
Horace A. Tasker,	"	127 76
Martha A. Perkins,		600 00
Daniel Huckins,		794 35
David M. Perkins,		1,000 00
Deborah Perkins,		884 00
Catherine Johnson,		544 75
John H. Perry,		170 21
Mrs. John H. Perry,		81 06
Joseph P. Weeks, bonds,		400 00
Marston W. Brock, "		54 00
Austin Academy fund,		4,000 00
School Dist. No. 11 before annexed to No. 10,		28 61
Amount due Henry A. Drew on settlement of his suit against the town,		75 00
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		\$10,362 41

## DEBTS DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1892,

Joseph F. Caverly, collector for '78 and '79,	\$ 319 81
Land set off from L. K. & M. K. Foss to town,	279 89
Real estate sold for taxes, 1888,	18 44
C. Shaw, collector for 1889, real estate sold and not redeemed,	16 20
Lyman W. Foss, collector for 1890,	301 49
“ “ 1891,	3,759 89
Amount in treasury,	3,923 75
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	\$8,619 47
Outstanding debts against the town, March 1, 1892,	\$10,362 41
Debts due the town, March 1, 1892,	8,619 47
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	\$1,742 94
Balance against the town, March 1, 1891,	\$4,079 91
“ “ 1892,	1,742 94
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Reduction of the town debt for the year ending March 1, 1892,	\$2,336 97

WARREN H. PERKINS,	} Selectmen of Strafford.
JOHN F. HALL,	
SMITH W. CASWELL,	



# REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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We herewith submit our report for the year ending March 1, 1892.

All the teachers have been our towns-people, and with one or two exceptions being teachers of experience, many of them having taught the same schools several terms, and been generally successful.

We believe that the faithful and conscientious discharge of duty on the part of the teachers has been the general rule and not the exception. We are also pleased to bear witness to the good behavior of all our scholars. No instance of wilful disobedience or insubordination has been reported to the board, and at our visits to the several schools during the year the good order manifest, and the kind and cordial relations existing between the teachers and scholars, afforded us sincere gratification. One of the great evils of our schools is the lack of punctuality in attendance, an evil to which we would earnestly call the attention of all parents, and would bespeak their co-operation to overcome this evil. The great amount of absences and tardiness in some of our schools, as shown by the registers, is well nigh fatal to the progress of the schools.

We would recommend that the parents visit our schools more frequently, and encourage the teachers and pupils by their presence, and any suggestion made by them for the advantage of the school would be gratefully received. It is an injury to the schools for parents to be finding fault with the teachers without any just cause, where, in many instances, an investigation would show the fault to be somewhere else. The appropriation for our schools is small, indeed too small, and every effort should be made by both parents and pupils to get the greatest possible benefit from it.

The old dilapidated schoolhouse, No. 19, has been replaced by a new and convenient one, and No. 4 has been thoroughly repaired,

which make the schoolhouses in good condition, with the exception of Nos. 12 and 15, both of which need replastering, and some repairs are needed on the woodsheds of Nos. 5 and 15.

The use of free text books has, in most cases, been an advantage to the schools, each pupil being supplied with books at the commencement of the term. The purchase of text books by the laboring man and the poorer classes who have large families has been no easy matter. The expense for books purchased during the year has been comparatively small.

Every consideration of safety, justice and humanity demands the education of all our youth. The strongest bulwarks of a state being the virtue and intelligence of its people, every consideration of a lofty patriotism demands that every class of its future citizens shall receive at least a good common school education. In conclusion, we urge the citizens of our town to be earnest and active in every effort to advance and make still better our public schools. Sustain them as parents, for you can leave no grander legacy to your children than a good education; sustain them as patriots, for no greater danger threatens our institutions, both civil and religious, than vice and lawlessness, which are the natural and inevitable results of ignorance. Every one has an influence, and exerts it on all others for good or evil.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. FOSS,	} School
CHARLES W. WHITCHER,	
	} Board.

# ROLL OF HONOR.

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## SCHOOL No. 1.

First term—Millie B. Scruton, Lester Parshley, Clarence Hall, Mary G. Hall.

Second term—Millie B. Scruton, Inez V. Scruton, Josie Hall.

## SCHOOL No. 3.

First term—Arthur G. Berry, Edson C. Felker, Hervey A. Scruton, Chester C. Scruton, Joseph A. Whitehouse, Carrie Felker, Edith M. Scruton, Nellie F. Scruton, Flossie Scruton, Ardena Scruton.

Second term—Edson C. Felker, Hervey Scruton, Chester Scruton, Flossie Scruton, Ardena Scruton, Joseph Whitehouse.

## SCHOOL No. 4.

First term—Llewellyn C. Ham, Harry E. Peabody, Edna M. Jones, Edith M. Ricker.

Second term—Harry E. Peabody, Edna M. Jones.

## SCHOOL No. 5.

First term—Frank H. Holmes, Leon P. Webster, Hattie E. Babb, Emma Holmes.

## SCHOOL No. 7.

First term—Ida D. Berry, Alma D. Miller, Laurel T. Roberts, Lulu I. Roberts, Edith A. Roberts, Hiram A. Winkley, Laura A. Winkley.

Second term—Edith A. Roberts, Hiram A. Winkley.

## SCHOOL No. 9.

First term—James A. Seavey.

Second term—Ida M. Foss, Florence L. Foss, Frank L. Foss.



## SCHOOL No. 10.

First term—Fred Huckins, Frank Shaw.

Second term—Lilla F. Huckins, Myra E. Huckins, Alice M. Huckins, Fred Huckins, Frank H. Shaw.

## SCHOOL No. 12.

First term—Clara I. Foss, Blanche M. Foye, Gertrude E. Foye, Carrie Lee.

Second term—Blanche Foye, Gertrude E. Foye.

## SCHOOL No. 15.

First term—Hannah J. Piper, Blanche J. Hall, Forest L. Nutter, Carroll E. Hall, Guy M. Hall, Llewellyn Webber.

Second term—Blanche J. Hall, Carroll E. Hall, Guy M. Hall, Forest M. Nutter.

## SCHOOL No. 17.

First term—Geo. E. Caswell, Clarence R. Caswell, Addie M. Caswell, Harry W. Clark, Eugene M. Foss, Herman H. Hanson, Millie Thompson, Edward B. Waldron, Clarence H. Tasker, Eva B. Bennett, Alta M. Blinn, Isabel Gray, Edna Gray, Amy W. Hanson, Gracie G. Hanson, Ada L. Roberts, Myrtie M. Roberts, Clara M. Thompson, Lizzie G. Waldron, Rose Gray, Mertie F. Hanson.

Second term—Geo. E. Caswell, Addie M. Caswell, Eldon Clark, Harry W. Clark, Alta M. Blinn, Isabel Gray, Edna Gray, Amy W. Hanson, Ada L. Roberts, Mertie F. Hanson, Bertie Head.

## SCHOOL No. 18.

First term—Clara A. Hanson, Ina H. Parshley, Vina L. Hanson, Gertrude M. Otis, Edith B. Hanson, Nellie L. Caswell, Henry W. Daniels, Walter T. Parshley.

## SCHOOL No. 19.

First term—Iza M. Hartwell, Lillian F. Tuttle, John W. Tuttle, Lewie M. Merrison.

Second term—Mabel V. Tuttle, Gracie B. Tuttle,



No. of School. Terms.*	TEACHERS.		Wages per month.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Geography.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Book keeping.	Physiology.	Geometry.	Philosophy
1	1	Edna I. H. Berry.....	\$24	27	26	27	27	27	12	27	9	9	3	1	..	..	..
1	2	" ".....	24	25	25	25	25	25	12	25	9	16	5	3	9	3	3
3	1	Annie M. Hayes.....	24	16	15	16	16	11	7	9	7	2	1	..	..	..	..
3	2	" ".....	24	18	15	18	18	13	8	10	8	1	1	..	2	..	..
4	1	Annie F. Jones.....	20	6	5	6	6	5	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	2	" ".....	20	8	5	8	8	8	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	1	Berthena A. Miller.....	20	6	6	6	6	6	4	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	2	" ".....	20	8	8	8	7	5	4	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	1	Addie J. Roberts.....	24	17	16	17	17	17	13	6	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
7	2	" ".....	24	18	16	18	18	18	1	18	4	8	4	1	..	..	..
9	1	J. Edwin Mason.....	22	15	12	15	15	12	9	12	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	2	Jennie S. Hill.....	22	19	17	19	19	18	12	16	7	..	1	1	..	..	..
10	1	A. E. Thomas.....	36	30	26	27	27	27	8	27	18	..	13	..	..	..	..
10	2	Ethel B. Shaw.....	26	19	17	18	19	19	13	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
12	1	Lilla B. Foss.....	22	14	13	14	14	11	10	11	8	..	1	1	..	..	..
12	2	" ".....	22	13	11	13	13	11	10	11	9	..	..	1	1	..	..
13	1	Albert F. Mason.....	24	9	9	9	9	9	5	7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
13	2	Minerva R. Perry.....	22	13	11	13	13	13	8	11	6	..	..	..	..	1	..
15	1	M. Jennie Mason.....	22	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	5	2	..	..	..	..	..
15	2	" ".....	22	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	5	2	..	..	2	..	..
17	1	Addie L. Foss.....	28	44	41	44	44	32	20	28	8	12	1	..	9	..	1
17	2	" ".....	26	40	39	40	40	33	20	30	11	10	1	..	2	..	..
18	1	May L. Parshley.....	22	22	22	22	22	16	7	13	5	4	..	..	..	..	..
18	2	" ".....	22	23	20	23	23	15	7	15	5	4	2	4	..	..	..
19	1	Jennie S. Hill.....	24	26	26	26	26	18	12	20	8	6	4	..	..	..	2
19	2	Effie L. Shaw.....	24	27	27	27	27	20	13	22	7	7	4	3	..	..	..

\* 1st term 8 weeks; 2d term 14 weeks.

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